

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 14-18 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the present application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-13 are allowed.

The Office Action rejects claims 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by the alleged Applicant's admitted prior art on pages 1 and 2 of the specification. This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 14-18. However, Applicant respectfully notes the following.

35 U.S.C. §102 states that:

a person shall be entitled to a patent unless (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Although some of the information disclosed on pages 1 and 2 is described as "related art," there is no admission that any of the information disclosed on pages 1 and 2 is "prior art" under §102.

Nonetheless, as discussed above, claims 14-18 are canceled. Accordingly, prompt allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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